

Expansion, Capacity and Capabilities Continue at GMI

Over the past year, GMI has made significant investments to meet customers' growth. First and foremost, GMI has increased its SMT placement capacity in North Carolina three-fold (1,500,000 placements per week). The purchase of the FX-3 SMT placement line from Juki, one of our strategic partners, enables GMI to run assemblies with greater component counts in larger volumes at a more efficient price per part.



This additional line has enabled us to reconfigure our automated offerings to include a “rapid-response” New Production SMT line. Inquiries over recent years have indicated both increased demand for this service and a limited number of capable resources in the region. Time to market is crucial for our customers and this service has not only gotten first articles in customers' hands faster but offered the Design for Manufacture (DFM) input they need to ensure their products are designed for manufacturing efficiency.

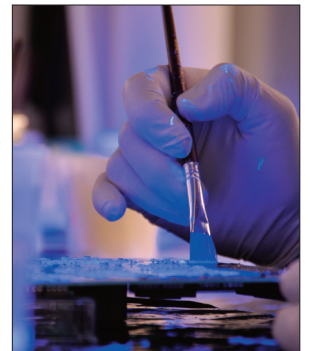


GMI has also seen increased demand for Conformal Coating. To most EMS providers, this is an undesirable nuisance. GMI sees it as an opportunity to provide additional value to their customers. Therefore, GMI-North Carolina has relocated and upgraded its coating capability and made the strategic decision to add Coating Services to its Costa Rica facility later this quarter.

Finally, GMI has expanded its Costa Rican facility for the third time in three years. As GMI continues to transition production-ready products to this “lower-cost” facility, additional manufacturing space is available. With an additional 18,000 Sq. Ft. (which pushes the Costa Rican facility over 50,000 Sq.



Ft.), GMI has been able to optimize the flow on the manufacturing floor. Material flows in one side of the facility and product ships out the other side.



About General Microcircuits:

GMI is a global advanced electronics manufacturing company providing circuit board and integrated assemblies to manufacturers in diverse industries and applications. Founded in 1980 and headquartered 20 miles north of Charlotte, North Carolina, General Microcircuits serves customers in all segments of the industrial, commercial, telecommunications, medical, defense, energy and evolving market-sectors. GMI provides domestic (North Carolina), near-shore (Costa Rica) and off-shore (South Korea) manufacturing capabilities to meet its customers' needs and volumes.

All new product launches begin in Mooresville, NC, an easy drive from Charlotte International Airport (CLT). GMI combines a very established and experienced workforce with a strong supply chain and weaves them into a risk intolerance business model.

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